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FOR ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE

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AT MY RECEPTION LAST NIGHT FOR VISITING NMTBA,
NEW MINFIN ABU ISMAIL TOLD ME THE PRESIDENT HAD BRIEFED HIM
LAST SATURDAY ABOUT OUR EXCHANGE ON US ECONOMIC HELP FOR
EGYPT. ABU ISMAIL SAID HE, TOO, WISHED TO EMPHASIZE EGYPT'S
URGENT NEED FOR SUCH HELP. IN HIS NEW JOB, HE IS CONFRONTING
THE SERIOUS GOE LIQUIDITY PROBLEM AND IS DESPERATELY
CASTING ABOUT FOR MEANS OF SOLVING IT. HE HOPED THAT UNDER
SECRETARY ROBINSON WILL BE ABLE TO COME IN THE NEXT TWO
WEEKS AND EXPRESSED HIS READINESS TO DISCUSS ALL ASPECTS OF
EGYPT'S ECONOMIC DILEMMA WITH THE UNDER SECRETARY WHEN HE
ARRIVES. HE ALSO INDICATED THAT EGYPT IS READY TO COOPERATE
WITH US IN THE ECONOMIC SPHERE IN ANY WAY FEASIBLE.
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